CONSTITUTION

OF

SENDENYU CHIPWEN UNION

(SCU)

1. **Introduction:** We the people of Sendenyu, New Sendenyu and Thongsünyu villages having solemnly resolved to form a Union under the name and title of **Sendenyu Chipwen Union** in short **"SCU"** on this day the 26th Oct. 2008.

2. **Headquarter:** The headquarter of the Union shall be at Sendenyu Village.

3. **Objectives:**

   i. To promote and protect the interests of the three villages (ie, Sendenyu, New Sendenyu & Thongsünyu villages) in all matters relating to political, social, cultural and economic developments.

   ii. To foster unity and understanding among different sections of people.

   iii. To ensure equality, rights and justice.

4. **Membership and Membership Fees:**

   i. All bonafide citizens of Sendenyu Union irrespective of age and sex are eligible to become members of the Union.

   ii. Every member of the union shall pay annual membership fee as may be prescribed by the Union from time to time. Warning shall be served to the members who fail to pay membership fees for three consecutive years. A member shall cease to be member of the Union if he/ she fails to pay fees consecutively for 5 (five) years.

5. **Office Bearers and Executive Members:**

a. ***Office Bearers:*** There shall be office bearers consisting of the following:-

i. President
ii. Vice President
iii. General Secretary
iv. Joint Secretary
v. Judicial Secretary
vi. Treasurer

b. ***Executive Members:*** Chairmen of the three Village Councils (Sendenyu, New Sendenyu & Thongsünyu), and one G.B. each from the three villages, Youth Presidents and Presidents/ Chairpersons of Mothers' Association shall be Executive Members of the Union. There shall be 5 (five) co-opted members to be nominated by the President of the Union.

6. **Tenure of the Office Bearers and Executive Members:**
Duration of the tenure of the Office Bearers and Executive Members shall be three years from the date of Election.

7. **Qualification of the President and Vice President:**
The President and the Vice President, being the highest executive posts of the Union must possess the following qualification:-

i. Must be bonafide citizen of Sendenyu and not below 40 years of age.

ii. Must be a descendant of at least three generation of Sendenyu citizenship.

iii. Must possess a minimum educational qualification of Matriculate.

iv. Must possess high representation and integrity.

8. Qualification of other Office Bearers (General Secretary & Treasurer) and Executive Members:

Candidates for above stated posts must be permanent citizens of Sendenyu Union and possess high moral integrity and having dedication and commitment for the welfare of Sendenyu people.

9. Election of the Union President and other Office Bearers:

Any bonafide citizen of Sendenyu Union fulfilling the requisite qualifications prescribed under section 6 of the constitution shall be eligible for the post of President, Vice President, other Office Bearers and Executive Members.

Election of the Office Bearers and Executive Members shall be done in the general session of the Union.

10. Powers of the President:

The President of the Union shall exercise the following executive powers:-

i. The President shall be the executive head of the Union and as such he shall also be executive head of the Constitution as well as the Village Councils viz- Sendenyu, New Sendenyu & Thongsünyu villages.

ii. He shall have the power to call Emergency Meeting of the Union as and when necessary.

iii. He shall have the power to suspend any Village Chairman, VCM, G.B. or the constituent Village Council subject to approval of the Executive Council. The President shall also have the power to suspend any of the Office Bearers on disciplinary ground without approval of the Executive Council.

iv. The President being Executive Head shall represent Sendenyu people in any Forum.

v. He shall also conduct oath taking ceremony of the constituent Village Councils.

11. Original Clans of Sendenyu:

The original Clans of titles inherited from forefathers of Rengmas of Sendenyu in its inception only shall remain in force as indicated hereunder:-

i. Sempfünyu
ii. Kempfünyu
iii. Bukhetyünyu (Kath)
iv. Sebunyu
v. Thongsünyu
vi. Nyenthongnyu (Khing)
vii. Kentenyenyu

12. Impeachment of the President:

The President can be impeached in the event of:-

i. Failure to execute the duties and responsibilities of the Union President.

ii. Misuse of executive powers of the Union Office inclusive of financial matters.

iii. Involvement in criminal offences.

iv. Any other offence/offences which is considered detrimental to the interest of Sendenyu people.

13. Procedure for impeachment of the President:

The Executive Council can recommend impeachment of the Union President as provided under section 11 (i), (ii), (iii) & (iv) and call for emergency meeting of the general body for approval.

14. Constituent Village Councils and Functions:

The constituent village councils of the Sendenyu Union shall be as follows:-

i. Village Council Chairman
ii. Village Council Secretary
iii. Secretary Judiciary
iv. Council Treasurer
v. G.Bs.
vi. V.C.Ms

The Village Council shall have two women members to be nominated.

Secretary (Judiciary) shall maintain up-to-date records of all cases tried/ arbitrated by the Council.

Secretary (General) shall maintain records/ minutes of all sittings of the Council Meetings. He shall also maintain all records pertaining to implementation of all developmental schemes in the village including basic data on land, up-to-date and record clear correspondence/ Assets.

The Treasurer must maintain up-to-date accounts of all income and expenditures of the Council and present such accounts to the authorities of Audit as and when necessary.

15. Qualification for the post of Chairman:

Chairman of the Village Council is the Executive Member of the Union and as such must possess the following qualification:-

i. He/ She must be a bonafide citizen of Sendenyu and not below the age of 40 years.

ii. Must be atleast a third generation descendant of Sendenyu citizenship.

iii. Must be of good reputation and integrity.

iv. Must have dedications and commitments to uphold and protect the interests of the village.

v. Must be physically and mentally sound.

16. Powers and Functions of the Sendenyu Chipwen Union:

i. The Sendenyu Chipwen Union shall exercise such powers and control such matters provided in the Constitution within the jurisdiction of Sendenyu, New Sendenyu and Thongsünyu Villages.

ii. The Union shall be the sole authority to execute documents such as MoU or others with the Government (Centre & State) or other Agencies in case necessity arises.

iii. Regarding natural resources such as minerals, other forest products, etc. no individual is allowed to collaborate or make partnership with the outside agencies without the permission of the Union whatsoever.

iv. Henceforth, no individual or clan shall have the right to claim the beauty of Nature's gifts such as precipitous areas, rivers, lakes, stone quarries, herbal weeds, etc.

v. The decision of the Union shall be binding on all the Village Councils, NGOs, etc.

vi. Any member or members with the prior approval from the Union can mediate and initiate the diplomatic related affairs with the neighboring villages which shall be subjected to the consultation of the joint meeting of the Village Councils of the constituent units, Executive Members and Sendenyu Chipwen Union for final approval.

vii. The Union reserves the right to levy taxes on all the commercial products within its jurisdiction.

viii. The Union shall have the right to impose taxes on land deals, etc.

ix. The decision of the Union on any matters shall be treated as final till amendment of this constitution is made.

x. Theft on village resources of both minerals and forest related products shall be served with warning initially and expulsion from the village or both at the same time.

xi. The Union shall have the right to handle the judicial cases pertaining to;

a. As to why individual or clan landed properties were converted to community cause without compensation?

b. As to why the common land of the villages at Hamchinhü has been silent from 1975 up to 2008?

17. Status of the Union:

The organizational set up of Sendenyu Chipwen Union shall stand supreme above all others within its framed up jurisdiction.

18. Administration of Oath:

I, Mr/ Mrs/ Miss _____ born and brought up on the soil of Sendenyu, a true citizen of Sendenyu by the grace of God; as I have been elected/ nominated by the people of Sendenyu, henceforth I shall abide by the rules recorded in the Constitution, from today onwards as duty bond to serve the interest of my village (Sendenyu, New Sendenyu and Thongsünyu) with honesty, sincerity and integrity being my solemn commitment and declaration in physical presence of Sendenyu people and before the living God. I promise to maintain secrecy and in the event of any eventuality, I have committed to face in the interest of Sendenyu people whom I represent.

I solemnly declare on this day_____month_____ year_____ that I shall always keep priority to the interest of my village and needs of my people above my personal gain or needs. And I swear this (Oath) by holding the name of God and if found otherwise, I am liable for impeachment as provided in the Constitution.

Signature :
Name :
Age :
Class :

Witness:

1.

2.

The above declaration of oath is made in the presence of all, and in presence of unchallengeable supreme authority empowered by the people of Sendenyu, New Sendenyu and Thongsünyu villages on _____.

Signature :
Name :
Designation with seal :

Drafting Committee:

1. Mr. Nnoseng Thong, Convener
2. Mr. Ngabu Kemp, Member
3. Mr. Yhunilo Kemp, Member

Presented to the General Body Meeting held on 26th Oct. 2008.